

If letters are addressed to *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*, 227 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia, with or without the name of the J. B. Lippincott Company, they will be received promptly and be given careful attention.

Perhaps the fact that the *JOURNAL* is printed in Philadelphia, Pa., and the subscriptions and advertising are looked after in the office of the J. B. Lippincott Company, and that the editorial office is at Rochester, N. Y., where the Editor-in-Chief makes her home, may sometimes cause confusion, but those conditions are certainly understood by the alumnae members.

Another source of trouble comes from the fact that so many of our contributors constantly forget the date upon which the *JOURNAL* goes to press. We close our pages—that is, we send the last of the copy to the printer—on the twentieth of the month preceding the date of issue. That means, however, that the material for each number must be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief at Rochester much earlier in the month—all solid papers not later than the first, all long reports not later than the fifteenth, and between the fifteenth and the twentieth only very brief items can be added. But it is not an unusual occurrence for the Editor to be wakened in the middle of the night of the twenty-seventh to find a messenger shivering at the door with a special delivery letter containing a report of a meeting held three weeks before, and a command to “publish without fail in the next number of the *JOURNAL*.”

Then there are still many contributors who persist in writing on both sides of the sheet, and others who send the most delightful bits of news all mixed up in a personal letter crossed and recrossed, and still others who never by any chance date anything, and a wonderful company who seem to think the whole world knows their street number. To correct these errors requires the Editor's personal attention and takes an amount of time and energy that could be spent in original work for the *JOURNAL* if everybody everywhere would be a little more careful.

There are still other things that we could complain about, but, after all has been said that could be said, the pleasures of being the Editor of this particular nursing *JOURNAL* so outweigh the trials that we postpone the rest until next year.

THE SUMMER CONFERENCE IN OREGON

THE Section on District Nursing is to be an interesting feature of the Conference of Charities at Portland, Ore., July 15 to 21. Because of the Lewis and Clarke Exposition railroad rates will be very greatly reduced and many nurses will be able to take a trip to the Pacific coast who,

ordinarily, would find the expense too great. Miss Hitchcock, the chairman of the District Nursing Section, and Miss Damer are arranging a very interesting programme, which will be announced in the *JOURNAL* later. There is a prospect of a large and most interesting gathering of people at this conference, and the attractions of the exposition alone will be well worth the journey.

We wish nurses realized more keenly their obligations to their profession as well as to the public and were alive to their opportunities in all the great problems of philanthropy. When the gates are opened, as they have been by the Conference of Charities, and nurses are asked to come in and work side by side with the great reformers of the age, there should be no lagging behind, but a great body should respond—not just a few. With knowledge and opportunity action should follow.

THE CONGRESS OF NURSES IN WASHINGTON

THE meetings of the Superintendents' Society and the Associated Alumnae are to be held in Washington, D. C., during the first week in May.

It is not too early for members to begin to arrange their plans to attend, and without doubt this will be the greatest gathering of nurses since the meeting in Buffalo. Both associations are arranging most interesting programmes. Washington will be seen at its very best at this date, and with the reductions in railroad transportation that will be secured a great company of nurses should be able to attend. We shall be able to give the full programme for the week in the April *JOURNAL*, and call the attention of our readers to the official announcements in this issue.

PROGRESS OF EDUCATION

IN the department of Training-School Items will be found a copy of the circular letter issued by the North Carolina State Board of Nurse Examiners to the superintendents of training-schools. We understand that the prospect is fair of establishing a preliminary nursing department, as the circular suggests, at the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, as the leading educators in North Carolina are in sympathy with the movement.

California is also moving in the direction of a nursing college. The State nurses' association decided to take steps towards organizing a